

SCRANTON TRIBUNE

F. E. WOOD,

General Manager.

PUBLISHED DAILY AND WEEKLY IN SCRANTON, PA., BY THE TRIBUNE PUBLISHING COMPANY.

NEW YORK OFFICE: TRIBUNE BUILDING, FRANK S. GRAY, MANAGER.

Entered at the Postoffice at Scranton, Pa., as Second-Class Mail Matter.

THE SCRANTON TRIBUNE.

SCRANTON, APRIL 11, 1894.

FOR A MAN who is about to be slung, James Adelbert Stranahan seems uncommonly calm.

Elkdom's Gals Day.

When an organization attains in brief time the membership and influence possessed by the Scranton lodge of Elks; when it calls within its portals men foremost in business, politics and the learned professions; and when it can, without flourish of trumpet build for itself a home such as that to be dedicated today, its merit can no longer be questioned, but must be accepted as a demonstrated fact. The old idea that Elks were mere madcaps or revelers has been exploded. The slender retarded the order's growth for a time; but like all slanders recoiled and finally helped its intended victims.

The truth, now happily accepted, is that of all the various social and benevolent organizations with which Americans are familiar none is more useful, honorable and helpful than the Bazaar, and Protective Order of Elks. Its membership is made up of earnest men, who voluntarily assume an injunction to charity, justice, fidelity and brotherly love which, when assumed, unites it into one vast family. Its aims have received the approbation of prominent representatives of all religions, and its foundation is as broad as the entire race.

Thus recommended, it is but natural that the local lodge should outgrow its former apartments in the old library building and should build for itself the finest Elks club house in the state, if not in the whole country. In point of beauty, elegance and convenience, the new rooms are certainly among the finest possessions of our city, and give to Scranton new luster for enterprise, generosity and advanced public standards. That the exercises of today, so happily foretold by last evening's enjoyable reception, may be as well favored by the elements as they are by the objects which they typify will be the wish of all Scrantonians.

PORTSMOUTH is the latest Pennsylvania city to itch for county-seat notoriety. It is proposed in that borough to form a new county out of portions of Berks and Montgomery; but the idea will doubtless go no further. This does not seem to be a healthy decade for new county ambitions. Not one has been successful since Lackawanna closed the list.

The Arcade Fire.

In all great crises it is easier to criticize than to achieve. In the case of a disastrous fire such as that yesterday morning swept like a cyclone through one of the most valuable business portions of the city, there are always persons willing to find fault, both with the fact that such a fire could start and then again with the manner in which the flames were fought. Another class of critics, without accurate information, are always ready to indulge in sarcastic allusions or give currency to damaging rumors having no foundation in fact.

The best evidence that the work of the local firemen was promptly, carefully and energetically performed is shown in the almost miraculous escape of adjacent property. Under circumstances which might have occasioned a wholesale destruction, the area of actual damage was confined to one building, and adjoining walls emerge almost unscathed from a heat which would have been terrific. Had a high wind been blowing, a loss which as it was felt inside the \$100,000 mark, might and doubtless would have multiplied itself by five, while to this horror might have been added a considerable sacrifice of life.

In this sudden and sweeping blow, falling just at the dawn of reviving spring business, Mr. Frothingham and all his tenants will have the hearty sympathy of every Scrantonian possessing an atom of decent feeling. Some of the tenants were partially insured and some lost everything; but all suffer severely in this merciless interruption of reviving commercial activities, and their loss is a public misfortune which the whole community shares. The TRIBUNE can only hope that the indefatigable push, vim and spirit which have called these various enterprises into being will operate speedily to restore them and thus new vindicate Scranton's peerless pluck.

GENERAL BEAVER corrects an erroneous announcement that he would be a candidate for congress in the Twenty-eighth district; but his modest disclaimer only serves to re-emphasize the need of such candidates as he would make. The forthcoming congress would find plenty of usefulness for a man like Pennsylvania's gallant ex-governor; and it is only his own disinclination which prevents the honor from perching on his shoulder.

Senator Hill's Speech.

Had any other Democrat than Senator Hill delivered the attack made Monday against the administration, it would have received very general praise. As a protest against the ultra-sectionalism and cowardly demagogism of the amended Wilson bill this oration, judged apart from the personality of its sponsor, takes rank among the most fearless and significant speeches of this generation. Its arraignment of the proposed income tax is masterly and unanswerable. Its plea for a moderate revision of the tariff coincides with the wishes of those business men to whom Democratic ascendancy threatened even greater spoliation. Its bold repudiation of the Hawaiian policy of infamy strikes a keynote to which American patriotism is yet earnestly vibrating. Its courage and aggressive-

ness fit the general Yankee temper and its lucidity of expression forms a notable lesson in rhetoric.

But the speech cannot conquer the fatal odium of its authorship. It is the conceded opinion of most thoughtful Americans that David B. Hill possesses many elements of notable greatness. In sweep and accuracy of his scholarship he supplies a curious combination of the close student with the thoroughly developed specimen of tricky political leadership. He reads men and knows books; and there are occasions when he seems to rise almost to the plane of really lofty statesmanship. But like his political Siamese twin, Daniel Voorhees of Indiana, he finally misses this distinction because while possessing all other elements he lacks the tempering quality of character. His mind is keen as a scintillant sword, but it has no fixed principles to guide it. His intellect is replete with all the needed weapons of agile encounter, but behind it all there is no sensibility and no conscience. Personally honest, clean and temperate, he plays at will on the weaknesses of others, and rules men, like a Richieu, by a craft that destroys all confidence.

What will be the effect of this speech on the tariff bill? Unless all reports be false it threatens to focalize a previously disorganized and scattering dissatisfaction into an opposition that will kill before it will yield. The United States senate, by tradition and in present membership, is not in sympathy with political anarchy. It has no real bond in common with the crazed agrarians of the West or the visionary doctrinaires of the South. Its constituency is a sound and stable business constituency, waiting rather to be let alone than to be eternally jaded at by experimental legislation. Whether the senate has drifted too far from this former sane mooring to be recalled by one earnest speech remains to be seen. But unless it soon comes back to common sense principles, all the possibilities of future Democratic annihilation which Senator Hill held up in lurid warning will be realized in tenfold intensity.

It is decided that the creation of the office of county controller did not involve class legislation within the meaning prohibited by the state constitution, and that it carried with it, inferentially at least, the vacation of the office of county auditor. Judge Weldman, of Schuylkill, unites good law with common sense. The points thus raised to defeat the Kluge bill were the worst gibbets. It will clarify the atmosphere of county government to have this issue authoritatively settled.

The Candidates for Congress.

The Philadelphia Press in a recent item of state news from this city conveys to the public the announcement of the fact that the Hon. Joseph A. Scranton has consented to accept the Republican nomination for congress at the hands of the coming county convention. And it is said that within a few days Mr. Scranton has justified the statement by personally announcing his candidacy. In view of the peculiar conditions which now confront the country and the manifest wisdom of the apparent determination of the advocates and adherents of the protective tariff policy in all parts of the country to send to the house of representatives of the Fifty-fourth congress men of experience in national legislation and of tried courage in resisting the encroachments on that policy, Mr. Scranton, his friends say, has been urged to consent to a re-nomination by a large number of the people of all classes and by some of the leaders of the Republican party.

There can be no question as to Mr. Scranton's fidelity to the cause of protection and his service to his constituency in the halls of congress. Hon. John H. Fellows, too, has recently announced his candidacy and his friends say has the assurance of cordial support throughout the county. The ex-mayor is a staunch Republican and protectionist and has done the party great service in the past. The situation at present promises a lively convention. It is not the purpose of this paper to take sides in the controversy between these two gentlemen. We are for the nominees of the convention, whoever he may be, and there can be no question of his election.

LAST SUNDAY evening each of the five Methodist ministers of Williamsport devoted his sermon to a discussion of the morality of theatrical performance; and the uniform conclusion seems to have been that their moral tone was bad. This subject's treatment during the present conference, should it come up, would command widespread interest. The relation of the church to the stage is undoubtedly a changing one, but it has not yet changed radically among Williamsport Methodists, who condemn even a kindness conducted for the benefit of charity.

A Specimen of Scranton Pluck.

It was 8 o'clock yesterday morning when Arthur Frothingham first learned that his handsome Arcade property, with all its contents, had been reduced to utter ruin. The news reached him at his breakfast table, in the graphic account printed in yesterday's extra edition of THE TRIBUNE. At 9 o'clock Mr. Frothingham gave orders to begin at once the work of clearing away the debris, preparatory to the property's reconstruction. Before the firemen had ceased playing streams of water on the charred and cracking timbers, workmen were shoveling the refuse into carts, and plans were being formed for the building's restoration.

This blunt statement of the case conveys only a portion of the real fact. While Mr. Frothingham was coolly directing this immediate task of reconstruction, all the plans and papers and paraphernalia of his new theater, many of his accounts, books and business statements and a portion of his financial resources were lying in a charred mass underneath the ruins. The whole thread of a magnificent new enterprise was rudely snipped at the very moment that it had reached hopeful symmetry and form. But for all that, the theater, itself happily uninjured, will

keep all its engagements and be in better condition than ever. "You can say for us," said Mr. Frothingham as he viewed the smoldering heap, "that if a show had been billed for tonight, that theater would have opened as if nothing had happened."

Is it any wonder that Scranton is a synonym for pluck?

THE LAW draws its distinctions between sparring contests and prize fights. Some of these have been illustrated during the two-day's tourney of the Excelsior Athletic club, which closed last night. The exact difference, in morals, between getting one's nose smashed by five-ounce gloves and getting it smashed by the uncovered fist is not altogether apparent; but the law which sanctions the one ruthlessly condemns the other. Mayor Connell, in placing policemen on the Academy stage to see that the law was not transgressed, did his duty; it was the law itself which blinked, once or twice.

It is a coincidence of some note that the day after Walter Lyon had button-holed Luzerne Republicans, Fighting Jack Robinson walked away with the Luzerne delegates. Those who like to delve deep into the significance of such curious events are at full liberty to explain this as best they may.

WHEELS and Wheelmen.

Too much care in protecting the body cannot be exercised by riders at the present time while the air is still chilly and damp. Warm clothing and sweaters should be worn and the light riding costume not donned too hastily. The most hazardous thing that riders can do is to stand around inactive, out of doors after riding as the pores have not been thoroughly opened during the winter and one is more susceptible to colds after exercise.

The enthusiasm displayed by the members of the Scranton Bicycle club on the ability each one possesses for racing is unbounded and a rivalry has sprung up that will know no end until each one has an opportunity to vanquish his fellow members before an audience. If the club race is run there is to be a team of the club's best riders selected and the honor is coveted by a large number.

Members of the Green Ridge wheelmen, besides being a good body of riders, are fast becoming proficient in the musical line, under the able tuition of Del Foote, the banjoist. The organization of a creditable band club is anticipated in the near future.

Much attention is being paid to ladies cycling costumes this year and as a consequence many pretty and serviceable articles of dress are being placed on the market for the comfort of the female cyclist. Among the sweaters are varieties of colors and design, but about the prettiest one remarked was in Wyoming avenue agency. It was white, trimmed in blue and male like a sailor's blouse devoid of all ungainly looking parts, yet made so as to protect the fair wearer from all chilly draughts.

It must surely be instinct which prompts many racing men to choose bananas as a means of retaining their muscular energy on long-distance rides. Few cyclists are aware of the amount of nourishment stored in the banana fruit, and to how many tribes of savages it serves as an exclusive article of sustenance. It contains sufficient fat, sugar, starch, pectin, gum and nitrogenous matter to support healthy life and is invaluable to persons whose digestive organs are under temporary or chronic derangement.—B. News.

Riders of light mounts will find it profitable to use a little care in riding over bad places. Do not imagine that because a wheel is guaranteed for hard road use for twelve months that a rider is expected to climb six-inch curb stones, scorch over cobblestone pavements or down lower Spruce street or make flying leaps into the saddle, because the mounting step is not for ornament but use. To enjoy the ease and comfort of a racing mount one must use reasonable care. Ride as fast as you can or like on good roads, but help the machine over bad places by riding slow and equalizing the weight on pedals and saddle and at the end of the season you will not have any ugly scars, broken bones nor a patched up wheel to trade in for your next year's mount at a large discount because you thought your wheel was made to perform impossibilities.

In the antiquated town of Honesdale the borough fathers still regard the bicycle as a vehicle of pleasure and not business, in consequence of which they have ordained that the steel steed shall be banished from the sidewalks and parks, making no provision that would protect the wheelmen were they arrested even though the mud of the roadbed be a foot-deep.

Any rider who is guilty of riding on a sidewalk when the roadway is in good condition should be summarily dealt with, but when the roadbed is muddy they should be allowed to ride on the sidewalk with proper restrictions on their speed. Business men who ride bicycles are in nine cases out of ten up to date hustlers to whom time is valuable, therefore the municipal authorities should use more discretion in making laws that will be a loss to him and no gain to any one else.

One Opinion, and a Poor One.

Madame Jananachek told the people of Baltimore the other day that the key to success on the stage at present was notoriety, no matter how infamously gained. "Coarseness and sensuality," she said, "seem to be the views of our nineteenth century life. The prize ring supplies the stage with its male stars, and the divorce court supplies it with its female stars."

Why Hines Is Formidable.

Luzerne is still a county where the mountebank and demagogic fluids are excellent field to work over and the shortsighted man who thinks that Mr. Hines is already defeated does not know the man nor the people.

Her Calendar.

Her tears are April showers,
May buds her smiles,
And June's sweet blossomed bowers
Her witching wiles.
To all save me, Alas!
With lips as parch
I watch her coldly pass
And know she's March.

—Puck.

Preparing.
Now that April's here,
I begin to question where
My wife has hid the tackle
That I laid aside last year,
For I hear a voice that's calling
Where the water's foam is falling,
And the eddies swirl and darken,
Now that April's here.

—J. H. LoRoch.

PAINT cracks.—It often costs more to prepare a house for repainting that has been painted in the first place with cheap ready-mixed paints, than it would to have painted it twice with strictly pure white lead, ground in pure linseed oil.

Strictly Pure White Lead

forms a permanent base for repainting and never has to be burned or scraped off on account of scaling or cracking. It is always smooth and clean. To be sure of getting strictly pure white lead, purchase any of the following brands:

"Atlantic," "Beymer-Bauman,"
"Jewett," "Davis-Chambers,"
"Fahnestock," "Armstrong & McKelvy."

For Colors.—National Lead Co.'s Pure White Lead Tinting Colors, a one-pound can to a spread of Lead and mix your own paints. Saves time and annoyance in matching shades, and insures the best paint that it is possible to put on wood.

Send us a postal card and get our book on paints and color-card, free; it will probably save you a good many dollars.

NATIONAL LEAD CO., New York.

Up to DATE CONRAD'S NECKWEAR

STOCK BOWS,
REVERSIBLE
4-IN-HANDS,
WHITE LAWN
STOCK TIES AND BOWS,
Something New for
FULL DRESS.

FASHIONABLE MILLINERY

JENKINS & MORRIS, formerly with
Leah Jones, display a large and well-selected stock of Fashionable Spring Styles in Millinery.

Special attention given to Artistic Trimming.

406 SPRUCE STREET

NEXT TO DIME BANK.

N. A. HULBERT'S

City Music Store,

— WYOMING AVE., SCRANTON.

PIANOS ORGANS

Also a large stock of first-class

MUSICAL MERCHANDISE

MUSIC, ETC., ETC.

Scientific Eye Testing Free

By Dr. Shimberg,

The Specialist on the Eye, Headaches and

Nervousness relieved. Latest and improved

Style of Eye Glasses and Spectacles at the

Lowest Prices. Best Artificial Eyes inserted

for \$5.

505 SPRUCE ST., op. Old Post Office.

ASK YOUR GROCER AND INSIST UPON HIS FURNISHING YOU WITH

STOWERS'

DELICIOUS, MILD SUGAR CURED

ABSOLUTELY PURE

HAMS.

EVERY HAM AND PAIL OF LARD BRANDED.

TRADE SUPPLIED THE STOWERS PACKING CO., SCRANTON, PA

BY THE

GOLDSMITH'S BAZAAR



WET OR DRY

MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO US

Our bargains are like the celebrated 'possum trap that would catch the varmints "comin' or a-gwine." Being always as bright and fresh as a July morning, our stock is ever rich in novelties and abundant in staples. To buy without seeing our aggregation is to deplete your purse without consulting your judgment. That, in times like these, is almost criminal.

SEE THESE ONCE

500 DOZEN

Boys' and Girl's Fast Black Knockabout Hose

All sizes. Price everywhere, 25c. We will give you Two Pairs for the Quarter while they last. You ought to see them.

A Big Drive in Ladies' Broadcloth Capes, in Tan, Navy Brown and Black AT \$1.73.

A Still Greater Drive in Ladies' All Wool Broadcloth Three-Piece Capes, with Double Ruffle Collars; enormous sweep; all colors, AT \$1.98.

Ladies' Jacket Walking Suits, in the Most Stylish Cut, Tailor Made, \$4.98.

In our Curtain Department we are offering a lot of first-class Window Shade, complete with fixtures and ready to hang, 17 cents.

Victors

With the New Valves
Out of Sight.

Our new Bicycles are now to be seen at our 314 Lackawanna avenue store.

VICTORS,

SPALDING,

CREDENDA,

GENDRONS,

And a full line of Boys' and Girls' Wheels. We are making extremely low prices on Second-hand Wheels.

J. D. WILLIAMS & BRO.

314 Lacka. Ave.

FINE ENGRAVING

Wedding Invitations,

Announcements,

Reception and Visiting Cards,

Monograms,

Menus and Dinner Cards,

Reynolds Bros.

Stationers and Engravers.

817 LACKAWANNA AVE.

N.B. We are offering a new

edition of the Book of Common

Prayer, well bound in cloth.

Two Copies for 25c.

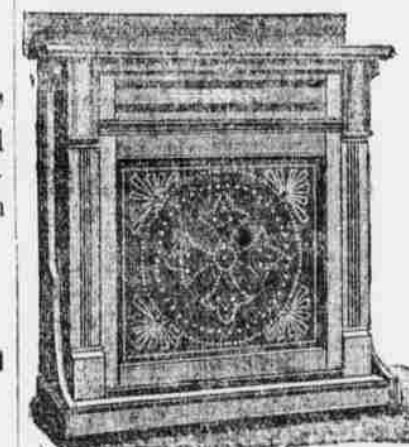
Single Copies, 13c.

HOUSEHOLD HARDWARE,

Timothy, Clover and Lawn Seeds.

Foote & Shear Co.

513 LACKAWANNA AVE.



The most complete medium-priced

FOLDING BED

in the market.

Hull & Co.

205 AND 207 WYOMING AVE.

Dr. Hill & Son

Albany

Dentists

Set teeth, \$5.00; best set, \$8; for gold caps and teeth without plates, call for prices and references. TONALIA, for extracting teeth without pain. No other. No gas.

OVER FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

THE CELEBRATED SOHMER

PIANOS

Are at Present the Most Popular and Preferred by

Leading Artists.

Warerooms: Opposite Columbus Monument,

205 Washington Av. Scranton, Pa.

Eureka Laundry Co.

Cor. Linden St. and Adams Ave.

COURT HOUSE SQUARE.

All kinds of Laundry work guaranteed

the best.

CONWAY HOUSE



132 and 134 PENN AVENUE.

On the American Plan.

Scranton's newest and best equipped hotel.

NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Heated by Steam, Electric Bells, Bath

Tubs on each floor. Large, Well-

Lighted and Airy Rooms.

Everything Complete.

ALL THE MODERN IMPROVEMENTS.

Office on second floor. Good sample

room attached.

P. J. CONWAY, Prop.

DO YOU REQUIRE

ACCURATE

TIME?

WE HAVE IT.

EDWIN C. LLOYD 423 Lack.

Ave.

SEED POTATOES

ALL BEST VARIETIES.

ONION SETS

And all kinds GARDEN

SEEDS in bulk and in pack-

ages.

Pierce's Market

PENN AVE.

FREE

All "Situation

Wanted" ads.

inserted free.